Regulator for coal pricing

*79. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a regulator for coal pricing;

(b) what impact it would have on the cost of generation of power in the country;

(c) whether the proposal has been scrutinized by the Tariff Commission; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the Tariff Commission on the proposed framework on coal pricing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply (a) above. However, it has been decided that the Tariff Commission will be approached on the issue of the price of coal for the power sector and to suggest modalities for pricing of coal for other sectors.

Chinese support to India's claim for UNSC seat

*80. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has secured support from many nations for its candidacy to a permanent seat in UN Security Council under the G-4 umbrella;

(b) whether during his recent visit to India, the Chinese Premier had expressed support for India's bid for a Security Council seat; and

(c) if so, whether the reported Chinese support comes with a rider that India should abandon the company of other G-4 member, Japan, whose relations with China is at its lowest ebb?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (c) India, Brazil, Germany and Japan-now being termed as the Group of Four (G-4) countries - have